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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of September 2, 2009, Applicants submit the following remarks in support of the patentability of the presently claimed invention over the disclosures of the references relied upon by the Examiner in rejecting the claims. Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of these remarks.

Initially, Applicants again respectfully request that all of the provisional obviousnesstype double patenting rejections set forth on pages 2-4 of the Office Action be held in abeyance, pending an indication that the claims of the present application are otherwise in condition for allowance.

The rejection of claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 12-14, 19, 21, 22, 24, 31, 32 and 33 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawamura et al., as well as the rejection claims 8-11 and 26-30 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawamura et al. in view of JP '424 and the rejection of claim 38 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawamura et al. in view of Fisher, are respectfully traversed.

In the Response to Arguments section beginning on page 7 of the Office Action, the Examiner acknowledges Applicants' previous argument that Kawamura et al. fail to disclose the long period stacking ordered structure phase which is a requirement of the presently claimed

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